

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 3, line 19, the section of the specification entitled "Drawings" should be replaced with the following:

#### **DRAWINGS BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 shows the dissolution profile (%nicotine release vs. time) comparing nicotine formulations ~~without any~~ not comprising any water soluble gelling gums to nicotine formulations according to the present invention.